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Mr. Gary Flamm State of California, California Energy Commission Mail Stop 26 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5504

Subject:

The Proposed 2013 California Energy Commission Electrical

Standards for Non-Residential Buildings

Dear Mr. Flamm,

I write this letter with some trepidation as to the economy here in California as relates to the construction industry.

I have been involved in electrical engineering for the building industry in Los Angeles for nearly 50 years now. I am very concerned that the implementation of the proposed 2013 California Energy Commission Standards for new non-residential buildings in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. will have a significant negative impact on construction.

While I understand the need to conserve energy, I also understand the importance of the construction industry's economic health here in California. I believe it will be significantly adversely affected by the implementation of these Standards.

I suggest a moratorium on their implementation for at least one and preferable three years to give the construction industry a chance to recover and gain some "traction".

I would appreciate your consideration and welcome your response to this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Athans Enterprises, Inc.

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